

COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION  
CAPS, WOOD FRAME CONSTRUCTION  
FOR EXPORT SKIDS

The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this commercial item description in preference to Federal Specification PPP-S-1853, Type II, Class 3.

This commercial item description covers commercial type wood caps which are used for export shipping.

Salient characteristics:

The caps shall be made from wood that meets the No. 2 common or standard grade of the rules governing the specific specie and type lumber used. The lumber shall be fastened together using fasteners that are the normal commercial fasteners for such caps.

The caps shall be as described below and in figure 1 with sizes shown in table 1.

Table I	
Size No.	Dim. A & B
1	48-1/2 x 38-1/2
2	49-1/2 x 45

Cap shall have two nominal 1 x 6-inch boards as ends and two nominal 1 x 6-inch boards as sides. The side board shall overlap the end boards. The sides and ends shall be fastened together (nailed) with 6-inch faces vertical and shall be reinforced with steel strapping nailed around the corners. The top shall consist of five nominal 1 x 6-inch boards equally spaced in the same direction as the end boards and long enough for the ends to be flush with the outside edge of the sides. The top board shall be fastened both to the end and side boards. (See figure 1).

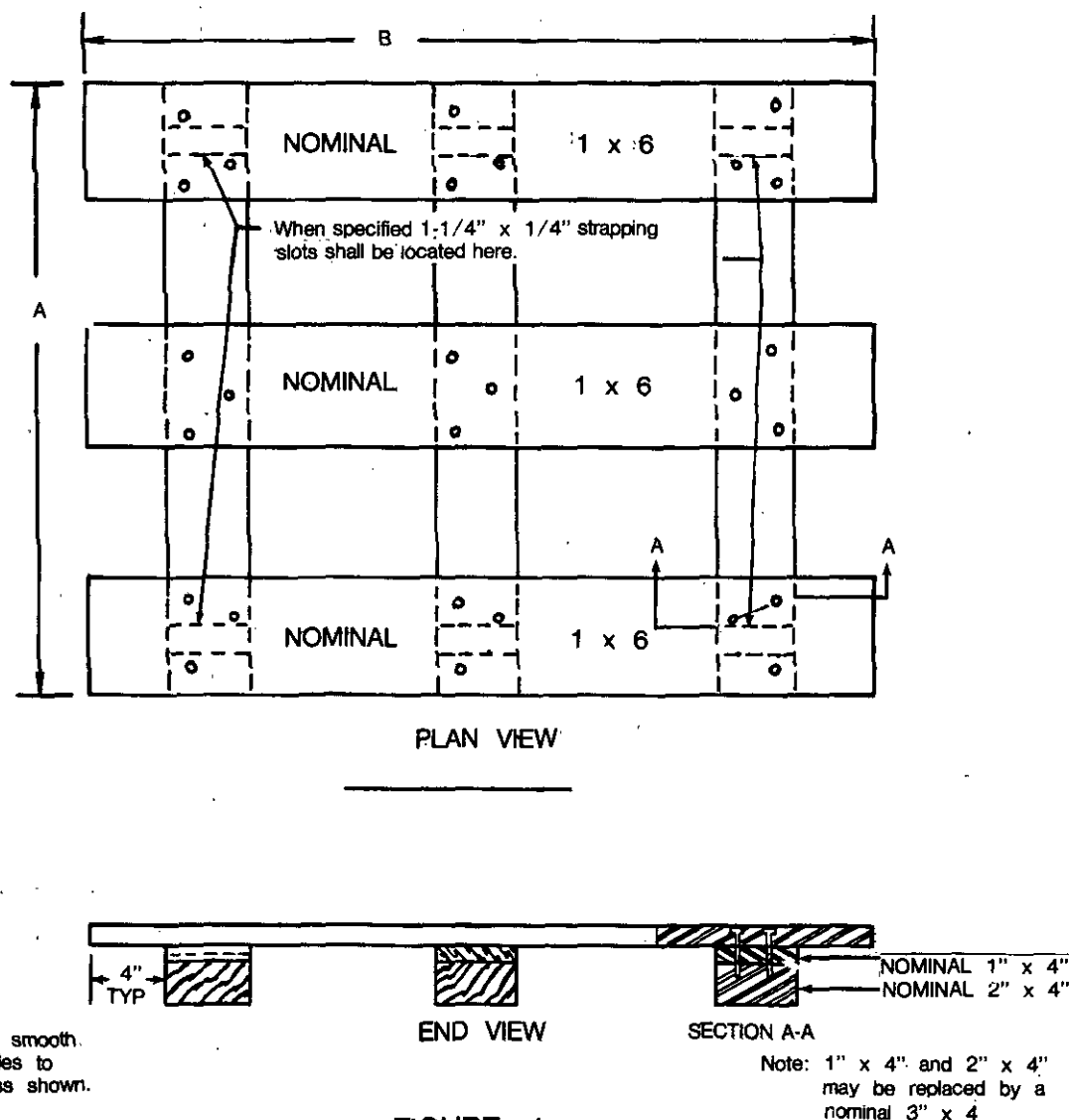


FIGURE 1

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A phytosanitary certification by U. S. Department of Agriculture is required. Because of oak wilt disease, the European Economic Community (EEC) Directive 77/93 requires that American oak, chestnut and other species be free of bark, and that one of the following conditions be met:

- (a) Wood has been squared edged so that none of the natural round surface tissues remain.
- (b) The moisture content does not exceed 20 percent expressed as a percentage of the dry matter.
- (c) Wood has been treated by hot air at 43° C (109° F) for 48 hours or 54° C (129° F) for 12 hours.
- (d) Wood has been treated by hot water at 43° C (109° F) for 48 hours or 49° C (120° F) for 12 hours.

Certification. The contractor shall certify that the product offered meets the salient characteristics of this description, and that the product conforms to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards and quality assurance practices and is the same product sold in the commercial marketplace. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance prior to first delivery and thereafter as may be otherwise provided for under the provisions of the contract.

Packaging, packing, and marking. The items shall be packaged in accordance with normal commercial practice and packed to assure acceptance by common carrier and provide product protection against loss and damage during multiple shipments, handling, and storage. The shipping container shall be in compliance with the National Motor Freight Classification and Uniform Freight Classification. Shipping containers shall be marked as specified in the contract or order.

NOTE: The ordering activity shall specify options required.

Preparing activity:

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